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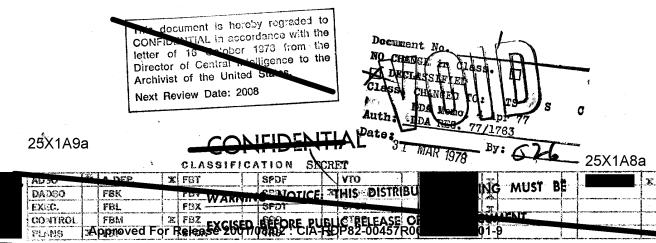
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- A few days prior to the arrival of the American troops in Berlin, the Russians removed 25 machine tools from the Deutsche Hollerith Maschinen GmbH, Eerlin-Lichter-felde-Ost, Lankwitzerstrasse 13/17. These tools included lathes, milling and drilling machines, and a testing machine. They were first taken to a collecting center in Lichtenberg, in the Russian sector, and from there shipped to an unknown destination. It is unlikely that they were sent to Russia, i.e., the Caucasus. No laboratory equipment has fallen into Russian hands. Since the spring of 1945, the Commission for Captured Material has requisitioned approximately 150 sets of punching machines (not including the territory lying farther to the east), representing a value of about 4 million RM. No information could be obtained whether or not the Russians plan to set up a similar factory in Russia.
- The Max Hoslz Werke (sic) in Leningrad, a factory owned by the State, has been making two types of punching machines, namely punching and sorting machines, since before the war. Thus far the Russians have not felt competent to tackle the manufacture of the much more complicated "Tabellier-Maschine", which is of paramount importance. As far as is known, no scientists or technicians of the factory mentioned above have gone to Russia. One of its former directors (Rottke), a party member and block leader, was arrested by the Russians in the beginning of June, presumably for political reasons. He was allegedly held in a camp where he subsequently died. Since it is almost impossible to carry through large-scale statistical works without the help of those machines, it is easily understandable that the Russians should be much interested in the punching system. During the last few weeks, higher-ranking Russian officers, apparently specialists from Karlshorst, have been trying repeatedly to secure specific information about the punching process from affiliated agencies of the Hollerith Maschinen GmbH, situated in the Russian Zone.



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